



# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2004 - 36

## *HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL*

- WHEREAS,** the ability to protect the citizens of the state of Louisiana from threats and acts of terrorism, particularly those which may incorporate Weapons of Mass Destruction, depends in part upon the adequacy of state and local community emergency preparedness and response capabilities, training and exercises, and equipment;
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana has significant infrastructure that makes it uniquely positioned as a focal point for homeland security activity, including the geographic location as the gateway to America's heartland, the critically important marine and transportation infrastructure, the national energy assets, the academic excellence in chemical and biological terrorism research, and the outstanding history of emergency preparedness and response;
- WHEREAS,** cooperation among federal, state, and local governments, universities, private industry, and the effective integration of available resources are essential for domestic preparedness; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to maximize the potential and efficiency of our homeland security community, including emergency responders, researchers, and many others, the best interests of the citizens of the state of Louisiana would be served by creating an advisory council to coordinate Louisiana's expertise in these critical areas;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The Homeland Security Advisory Council (hereafter "Council") is hereby established within the executive branch, Military Department, Office of the Governor.
- SECTION 2:** The duties of the Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- A. Assessing homeland security needs and assets of the state of Louisiana by linking state and local government efforts, and leveraging education, industry, and private sector initiatives;
  - B. Identifying inventory assets, recommending policy, and endorsing initiatives within all fields of expertise related to homeland security;
  - C. Analyzing assets, tracking homeland security grants, and creating a link to the state's strategic plan for homeland security;
  - D. Providing a process for analyzing the state's assets and responding to opportunities;
  - E. Seeking opportunities which create economic growth in Louisiana based on homeland security;

- F. Supporting the United States homeland security and defense objectives; and
- G. Notifying the governor and educating the congressional delegation on homeland security initiatives which require congressional action.

**SECTION 3:** On or before March 15, 2005, the Council shall submit a detailed report to the governor, the Louisiana Legislature, and the U.S. Congressional Delegation which addresses the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

**SECTION 4:** The Council shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of the governor, selected as follows:

- A. The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or the deputy secretary's designee;
- B. The adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, or the adjutant general's designee;
- C. The chair of the Senate Select Committee on Louisiana Homeland Security, or the chair's designee;
- D. The chair of the House Select Committee on Louisiana Homeland Security, or the chair's designee;
- E. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee;
- F. The secretary of the Department of Economic Development or the secretary's designee; and
- G. The assistant secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or the assistant secretary's designee.

**SECTION 5:** The adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard and the deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall serve as co-chairs of the Council.

**SECTION 6:** The Council shall also be composed of subcommittees that will report to and be governed by the Council. Council members shall serve as ex-officio members of each subcommittee. The duties of the subcommittees shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Providing advice on various fields of subject expertise, consistent with the direction of the Council; and
- B. Making recommendations on homeland security challenges, threats and opportunities and their effect on Louisiana.

**SECTION 7:** The Council shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals, and at the call of the co-chairs.

**SECTION 8:** Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Council shall be provided by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

**SECTION 9:**

- A. Council members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council.
- B. Council members who are employees or elected public officials of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

C. Council members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

**SECTION 10:** All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Council in implementing the provisions of this Order.

**SECTION 11:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**